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EC ENLARGEMENT
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1. THE EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT BRIEFLY DISCUSSED EC
ENLARGEMENT DURING THEIR JUNE 29-30 EUROPEAN COUNCIL
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MEETING. UK PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN (THE COUNCIL
PRESIDENT) TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE DISCUSSIONS MADE
CLEAR THAT ACCESSION APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED ON
THEIR OWN MERITS, ADDING THAT THE UK WOULD LIKE TO SEE
PORTUGAL IN THE EC, THOUGH, "FOR OTHER ECONOMIC REASONS",
THERE WILL HAVE TO BE A LONG TRANSITION PERIOD.

2. PERM REP SOURCES INDICATE THAT FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING TOOK THE LINE THAT, ALTHOUGH GREEK MEMBERSHIP SEEMS TO BE INEVITABLE, PORTUGAL AND SPAIN ARE ANOTHER QUESTION ENTIRELY. GISCARD WAS REPORTEDLY VERY CHILLY ON PROSPECTS FOR THEIR MEMBERSHIP.

3. FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE TRANSITION PERIOD FOR THE IBERIANS WOULD BE VERY LONG. HE EMPHASIZED THAT GERMANY WOULD FACE PARTICULARLY SEVERE PROBLEMS IN AN ENLARGED COMMUNITY, NOTING THAT THE FRG ALREADY HAS ABOUT 4 MILLION FOREIGNERS WITHIN ITS BORDERS (2 MILLION WORKERS AND 2 MILLION DEPENDENTS) AND THAT FRANKFURT HAS MORE FOREIGN WORKERS THAN GERMAN WORKERS. THE CONSEQUENCES, HE SAID, WOULD BE THAT, IN AN ENLARGED EC, "YOU WOULD NO LONGER HAVE THE RIGHT OF FREE MOVEMENT." SCHMIDT DID NOT ELABORATE ON JUST WHAT HE MEANT INSTITUTIONALLY -- BUT HE SEEMED TO BE IMPLYING A TWO-TIER COMMUNITY IN WHICH THE PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS WOULD HAVE LESSER RIGHTS.

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